LECTORS

* ***Important:*** *READ THE PASSAGE AHEAD OF TIME;* Google “how to pronounce words in the Bible” for anything you’re not sure of. THINK about what the passage might mean.
* Arrive early and re-check marker/ribbon in book.
* If possible with your mobility, reverence altar from center of upper platform, turn and walk a fairly straight line to the podium. It looks cleaner and more respectful than just meandering up, although we don’t need military precision.
* Adjust the mic to your height and read so you can be heard in the back. Begin with the italicized words before the scripture text: “*A Reading from the \_\_\_\_”*
* **CRUCIAL: SLOW DOWN!!** Our natural urge is to read too quickly. Please remember that parts of the sermon may reference what you’ve read – if you’ve sped through, that won’t make sense. More importantly, the Holy Spirit wants to bring a message from the Scriptures to hearts in the congregation; *be sensitive to that holy work and support it by reading clearly, and with understanding.*
* There is, however, no need for drama in the reading; speak simply, as if you’re delivering a message to someone you care about.
* At the end of the reading, **PAUSE** – so what has been read can sink in for a second or two -- before saying “*The Word of the Lord*.”
* (After you have finished the reading, you’ll return in the same way you came up; go to the center of the platform, reverence, turn around and return to your seat.)